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SENATE BILL No. 339

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Citations Affected: IC 9-22; IC 9-29.

Synopsis: Certificate of salvage titles. Authorizes the owner of a salvage motor vehicle to retain possession of the salvage motor vehicle under certain circumstances. Sets the procedure for the owner to obtain a certificate of salvage title. Repeals and relocates language relating to the fee for the issuance of a salvage title. Specifies that the revenues collected from the issuance of salvage titles shall be deposited in the motor vehicle highway account. Makes it a Class D infraction for a person who fails to comply with certain requirements concerning certificates of title and certificates of salvage title on salvage motor vehicles.

Effective: July 1, 2006.

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January 10, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

January 19, 2006, pursuant to Senate Rule 65(b), reassigned to Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions.

January 30, 2006, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-22-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 3. (a) A certificate of salvage title
3 is required for a motor vehicle, motorcycle, semitrailer, or recreational
4 vehicle that meets any of the following criteria:

5 (1) An insurance company has determined that it is economically
6 impractical to repair the wrecked or damaged motor vehicle,
7 motorcycle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle and has made an
8 agreed settlement with the insured or claimant.

9 (2) If the owner of the vehicle is a business that insures its own
10 vehicles or an insurance company, the cost of repairing the
11 wrecked or damaged motor vehicle, motorcycle, semitrailer, or
12 recreational vehicle exceeds seventy percent (70%) of the fair
13 market value immediately before the motor vehicle, motorcycle,
14 semitrailer, or recreational vehicle was wrecked or damaged.

15 (3) The motor vehicle is a flood damaged vehicle.

16 (b) For the purposes of this section, the bureau shall, upon request,
17 determine the fair market value of a wrecked or damaged motor

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vehicle, motorcycle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle if the fair market value cannot be determined from the source referred to in section 2(1) of this chapter.

(c) **Except as described in section 11(c) of this chapter**, an insurance company must apply for a salvage title for any vehicle that has sustained damages of seventy percent (70%) or more of the fair market value immediately before the motor vehicle, motorcycle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle was wrecked or damaged if the vehicle meets the criteria of subsection (a)(1).

SECTION 2. IC 9-22-3-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 11. (a) This section applies to the following persons:

(1) An insurance company that declares a wrecked or damaged motor vehicle, motorcycle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle that meets at least one (1) of the criteria set forth in section 3 of this chapter and the ownership of which is not evidenced by a certificate of salvage title.

(2) An insurance company that has made and paid an agreed settlement for the loss of a stolen motor vehicle, motorcycle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle **that:**

(A) has been recovered by the titled owner; and

(B) meets at least one (1) of the criteria set forth in section 3 of this chapter.

(b) A person who owns or holds a lien upon a vehicle described in subsection (a) shall assign the certificate of title to the insurance company described in subsection (a). The insurance company shall apply to the bureau within thirty-one (31) days after receipt of the certificate of title for a certificate of salvage title for each salvage or stolen vehicle subject to this chapter. The insurance company shall surrender the certificate of title to the department and pay the fee prescribed under IC 9-29-7 for a certificate of salvage title.

(c) When the owner of a vehicle described in subsection (a) retains possession of the vehicle:

(1) the person who possesses the certificate of title shall surrender the certificate of title to the insurance company described in subdivision (2);

(2) the insurance company that completes an agreed settlement for the vehicle shall:

(A) obtain the certificate of title; and

(B) submit to the bureau:

(i) the certificate of title;

(ii) the appropriate fee; and

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(iii) a request for a certificate of salvage title on a form prescribed by the bureau; and

(3) after the bureau has received the items set forth in subdivision (2)(B), the bureau shall issue a certificate of salvage title to the owner.

(c) (d) When a self-insured entity is the owner of a salvage motor vehicle, motorcycle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle that meets at least one (1) of the criteria set forth in section 3 of this chapter, the self-insured entity shall apply to the bureau within thirty-one (31) days after the date of loss for a certificate of salvage title in the name of the self-insured entity's name.

(d) (e) Any other person acquiring a wrecked or damaged motor vehicle, motorcycle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle that meets at least one (1) of the criteria set forth in section 3 of this chapter, which acquisition is not evidenced by a certificate of salvage title, shall apply to the bureau within thirty-one (31) days after receipt of the certificate of title for a certificate of salvage title.

(f) A person that violates this section commits a Class D infraction.

SECTION 3. IC 9-22-3-37 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 37. **Except as provided in section 11(f) of this chapter**, a person who violates this chapter commits a deceptive act that is actionable by the attorney general and is subject to the remedies and penalties under IC 24-5-0.5.

SECTION 4. IC 9-29-7-2.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 2.3. (a) **The fee for a certificate of salvage title is four dollars (\$4).**

(b) **The fee for a delinquent certificate of salvage title is ten dollars (\$10). The bureau shall collect this fee if:**

(1) a purchaser or transferee fails to apply for a certificate of salvage title or a transfer of title, by assignment, not later than thirty-one (31) days after the salvage motor vehicle is purchased or otherwise acquired; or

(2) the owner of a salvage motor vehicle retains possession of the salvage motor vehicle and the owner fails to apply for a certificate of salvage title not later than thirty-one (31) days after the settlement of loss with the insurance company.

SECTION 5. IC 9-29-7-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 2.5. **The fee for a duplicate certificate of salvage title is four dollars (\$4).**

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1 SECTION 6. IC 9-29-7-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 7. The revenues from the:
3 **(1) certificate of salvage titles collected under IC 9-22-3; and**
4 **(2) license fees collected under IC 9-22-4;**
5 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle highway account.
6 SECTION 7. IC 9-29-4-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
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Report of the President
Pro Tempore

Madam President: Pursuant to Senate Rule 65 (b), I hereby report that Senate Bill 339, currently assigned to the Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters, be reassigned to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 339, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 34, after "(1)" insert **"the person who possesses the certificate of title shall surrender the certificate of title to the insurance company described in subdivision (2);"**.

(2)".

Page 2, line 34, delete "makes" and insert **"completes"**.

Page 2, line 35, delete "shall notify the:" and insert **"shall:**

(A) obtain the certificate of title; and

(B) submit to the bureau:

(i) the certificate of title;

(ii) the appropriate fee; and

(iii) a request for a certificate of salvage title on a form prescribed by the bureau; and

(3) after the bureau has received the items set forth in subdivision (2)(B), the bureau shall issue a certificate of salvage title to the owner."

Page 2, delete lines 36 through 42.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 6.

Page 3, line 19, delete "subsection (c)(1)" and insert **"this section"**.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 339 as introduced.)

PAUL, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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